It is puzzling to my why the Commission is even considering "permanent forbearance". From the avalanche of public comments in this docket, the Commissions duty is clear: you must reject the requests of the greedy petitioners and proceed with local number portability AS PLANNED. Not a single public comment supports the petitioners, and many write they are willing to pay a surcharge for the ability to keep THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

Some petioles write they need more "time to test" their LNP system. Well, they have until November, which should be PLENTY of time. If some company has proof they need more time, let them petition for a waiver. But, the FCC should scrutinize such waiver requests with rigid impunity. Let the LNP BEGIN!

As one commenter put it: Isn't it the responsibility of the FCC to manage these resources in the PUBLIC interest, not the interest of cellular carriers? You must stick to the plan. That you are even considering these petitions for permanent forbearance is ridiculous. Just think of all the money the cell phone companies spent on legal fees in this process. Who do you think is paying for this? I AM -- THROUGH MY PHONE BILL. Stop the insanity of allowing the conglomerates to try to glom onto MY PHONE NUMBER.